

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 546

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Representative Joe Armstrong on his election as Chairman of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Committee on Health and Human Services.

WHEREAS, it is proper that the members of this Body should honor our colleagues whose capable leadership and unflagging dedication of purpose have defined their respective tenures as members of both the General Assembly and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe Armstrong is one such legislator, and his exemplary ten-year tenure as Chairman of the House Health and Human Resources Committee stands as testimony to those very qualities; and

WHEREAS, the span of Representative Armstrong's chairmanship of the House Health and Human Resources Committee has been one of marked advancement in the policies and issues under its purview, and he has proven to be a champion of health care issues affecting African Americans and, indeed, all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Joe Armstrong has recently been elected to serve as the Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL), an organization that represents more than 600 legislators from 46 states who represent over 30 million voters; and

WHEREAS, in this important post, Chairman Armstrong will be responsible for addressing issues of public policy pertaining to health care, health education, and health research and employment, as well as promoting health care policies that benefit the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the NBCSL has previously acknowledged Chairman Armstrong's visionary leadership in the health field by honoring him as its 2006 Legislator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this innovative thinker and dedicated public servant was also named Legislator of the Year by the Men's Health Network in 2004 and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong has contributed significantly to accessible and affordable health care and public policy as a member of the Tennessee Black Health Care Commission; and

WHEREAS, by assuming the reins of leadership as Chairman of the NBCSL Committee on Health and Human Services, Joe Armstrong will be adding to a legacy already well established and paralleled by few; during his tenure as Chair, he will undoubtedly leave his indelible mark upon the Committee, and we are certain that his contributions will serve to guide its actions for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate our esteemed colleague Representative Joe Armstrong on his election as Chairman of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Committee on Health and Human Services; honor and commend his many years of meritorious service and his innumerable contributions to health care policy as a member of the NBCSL and this Body and as Chairman of the House Health and Human Resources Committee; and extend to him our best wishes for progress and prosperity as he works to ensure the availability of quality health care for all people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.